

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 28, 2019**

The Warren County Council were sworn in by Michelle Hetrick, Clerk for their first meeting of May 2019. Present for the meeting were: Matt Commons, Sharon Hutchison, Ethan Foxworthy, and Lee Kay. Also, in attendance are John Kuiper, Brian Jordan and John Larson.


1. The meeting was called to order by Sharon Hutchison, Council Vice President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Hutchison.
3. New Business:
 - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Lee Kay made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - b. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the April 25, 2019 minutes with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed.
 - c. Additional Appropriations – Lee Kay made the motion to approve the additional appropriation to the Extension Data Manager and Highway Equipment budgets with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor and the Additional Appropriation resolutions were signed.
 - d. Abatements – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor, presented 19 pay 20 abatements for Stewart Grain, Kuri Tech and Willow Dairy. Weston-Hubner explained the abatements and process. There are 15 companies with abatements in the county. Many of the Companies have several abatements. The incorporated towns approve the abatements within town limits and the Council approves the abatements that are outside of town limits. John Larson explained the abatements for Stewart Grain and Kuri Tech. Lee Kay made a motion to approve 2 real property and 2 personal property Stewart Grain abatements with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to approve 2 personal property Kuri Tech abatements with a seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to approve 1 real estate and 1 personal property Willow Dairy abatements with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor. All approved abatements were signed by Sharon Hutchison, Council Vice President.
4. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
 - a. John Kuiper, Zoning Director, informed the Council of a sign issue on SR 28. The off-premise sign is in AG zoning and INDOT states that you cannot place a billboard/signage in an AG zoning area. The owner did not call the Zoning Office to inquire before placing the sign. The State right of way is 75 feet and the sign is in the right of way. Kuiper explained that he has tried to reach out to the owner concerning the sign. The liability due to the sign being placed incorrectly, is the parcel owner's responsibility. INDOT will remove the sign as per State Code. Sharon Hutchison inquired about a county zoning penalty fee. Kuiper stated the ordinance states that the County can charge up to \$500 per day. Zoning office must have approval by the Commissioners concerning a penalty.
 - b. Brian Jordan, Commissioner, presented quotes for several items that are in need of repair. The backup generator for the jail is in need of repair. The UPS for the jail has an issue with the switch from generator power. The UPS is 3 years old. Jordan is in contact with the Kohler generator representative in Indianapolis. The replacement would be approximately \$30,000 but hoping for repair rather than replacement. Jordan explained the 2 grants for broad band funding with WHIN and OCRA. The funding for towers would be approximately \$50,000 – \$100,000. The goal is broad band accessibility to more residences. Lee Kay discussed asking the township trustees to contribute to the project. Kay inquired about discussing this with Township Trustees and Commissioners at the non-binding budget review meeting on August 26th at 6:00 p.m. After much discussion, it was agreed by all to move forward with the discussion at the nonbinding review meeting with the Trustees. Jordan explained the old landfill sight is another possible site for a tower as well as Seeger High School. Jordan explained the Jordan Creek Windfarm project schedule. The surveying and micro sighting are in process. The Commissioners will then review the Road Use Agreement and discuss the extension of time request. Lee Kay inquired about the State Highway approving the Road Use Agreement. Matt Commons inquired about the timeline. Jordan explained the Surveying should be finished in June and micro sighting finished in July. Late July or early August the road use agreement will be discussed. Jordan explained the extension of time request, as the project is scheduled to begin in November. Jordan presented quotes for ambulance equipment that was requested by Coroner, Bryan Lanham. The quotes are for 2 AutoPulse Systems and 1 monitor. Jordan explained the AutoPulse units for the ambulances can run 30 minutes on battery with 2 batteries included with each unit. The continuous CPR would save lives. The Commissioners would like to move ahead with this purchase. The quote is for \$61,458.96 from Zoll Medical Corporation. Jordan discussed the ambulances are generally purchased through the Riverboat Revenue Fund. Matt Commons inquired about how often the units are needed. Jordan stated approximately once per month, but he will request information from Lanham. Jordan explained that currently we have an EMT and Paramedic staff each ambulance and if CPR is needed, they have to stop and trade off on the way to the hospital. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2 AutoPulse CPR units and monitor from the Public Safety fund or Economic Development Fund with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor. Jordan inquired about the possibility of drone work for a map or brochure to promote the County natural attractions. Kay stated Chris Brown, Williamsport Librarian can possibly do this inexpensively. Jordan explained the Community Foundation has 2 interns working on the foundation website and a link will be added to the County Website. Jordan would like to see drone footage of the potholes, pine creek, falls, black rock, etc. Kay inquired about the Economic Development office budget and financials. Additionally, Kay questioned if this should be accomplished by the LEDO Office. Jordan stated there are several people that do drone work and would approximately cost \$5,000-\$10,000 to have this done. Hutchison inquired about a grant to pay for this. Jordan stated he will look into a grant.
 - c. Robin Weston-Huber informed the Council of several items that the Commissioners are working on. Vacating of alleys in Independence and West Lebanon, dumpsters for cleanup in Independence, Litzenberger office building donation to the County, INDOT reconstruction of culvert on SR 263. Jordan explained the courthouse roof had no leaks with the recent rains. The Commissioner Wesley Bennett, DLGF will be at the Courthouse June 4th from 11:30 – 12:00 for an question and answer meeting. On May 30th the mobile operations center from the Attorney General will be at the Williamsport Library from 10:30 – 11:30 for signup to the Do Not Call list, unclaimed property, etc. Jordan explained the courthouse roof repair. The wood under the copper around the lower dome was found to be in need of replacement. This will add \$15,000 – \$18,000 but the contingency funds will cover the replacement. Then the tile on the dome can be placed. Jordan explained that a drone video will be done when the project is complete. The Commissioners are

looking to donate the old clay tile to the historical society. Weston-Hubner explained that settlement has been completed and disbursed. The settlement information as well as the circuit breaker information will be emailed to the Council and Commissioners.

5. Old Business:

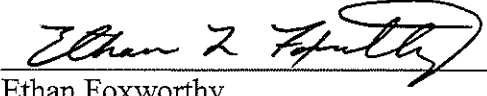
The next County Council meeting will be Monday June 24, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.


There being no further business, Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to adjourn with a second from Lee Kay.

ATTEST:  WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL
Robin Weston-Hubner

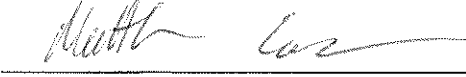
John Comer, President


Sharon Hutchison, Vice President


Ethan Foxworthy


Laurie "Lee" Kay

Neil Ellis


Matt Commons

George Taylor